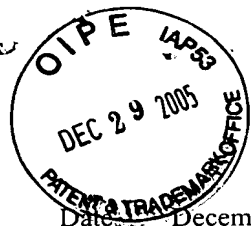


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OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
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